

# Animal Welfare Audit



# DAIRY

?	#	Area	Question	Question Detail	Item Specific Notes
1		PreAudit Info	# Family caregivers	Record the number of family members that are responsible for specific tasks on the farm (daily or on weekends only)	
2		PreAudit Info	# Employee caregivers	Record the number of non-family employees that are responsible for specific tasks on the farm (daily or on weekends only)	
3		PreAudit Info	Caregiver List	Farm has a list of all current employees/caregivers (not paid and family included)	
4		PreAudit Info	#Cattle on site	Include ALL cattle fed and cared for under this farms management - if any group is located more than 20 miles away make note of location in the notes section	
5		PreAudit Info	#Lactating cows	Enter the number of dairy cattle in the lactating herd (including hospital)	
6		PreAudit Info	#Dry cows on site	Enter the number of dairy cattle on site currently dry (on site = within 20 miles)	
7		PreAudit Info	#Heifers on site total	Enter the total number of heifers on site (weaned to springer) (on site = within 20 miles)	
8		PreAudit Info	#Recently Weaned heifers on site	Enter the total number of heifers on site weaned within the last 8 weeks (on site = within 20 miles)	
9		PreAudit Info	#Springers on site	Enter the total number of heifers on site within 2 months of calving (springers) (on site = within 20 miles)	
10		PreAudit Info	#Calves on milk	Enter the total number of calves on site being fed milk (of includes all males and females) (on site = within 20 miles)	
11		PreAudit Info	#Steers on site	Enter the total number of steers on site (on site = within 20 miles)	
12		PreAudit Info	#Bulls on site	Enter the total number of bulls on site (from weaned to breeding; on site = within 20 miles)	
13		PreAudit Info	SCC Avg - Udder Health	Monthly SCC AVG for previous 12 months is: SCC <300k	
14		PreAudit Info	Colostrum Timing	Calves are fed colostrum or replacer within 6 hours of birth or left to nurse	
15		PreAudit Info	Volume of milk fed	Volume of milk or milk replacer offered at each feeding	
16		PreAudit Info	Feedings per day	Enter the number of times calves are fed each day	
17		PreAudit Info	Calf/Heifer Raiser	Are any calves or heifers raised off-site under separate management? (Bull calves or heifers SOLD do not count)	

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18	Critical Care	Water Access	All cattle regardless of age have access to water. If natural source there must be evidence of consistent supply. Restriction of water at dry off is not ok.	
19	Critical Care	No evidence of abuse or neglect	No observed signs of abuse including but not limited to hitting (define), Kicking (define) ; not dragging, cattle not restrained by ears or pulled/dragged by tails; No Evidence of neglect of neglect includes, but is not limited to with-holding treatment to individual animals for broken limbs, dystocia, prolapses or observing more that 10% of any age group with a severe condition (Score 3 BCS or locomotion) without proof of treatment or remediation.	
20	Critical Care	Timely Euthanasia	Compromised animals not likely to respond to treatment or where treatment is not available are euthanized	
21	Critical Care	Humane Euthanasia	Euthanasia is performed using approved methods	
22	Critical Care	Down Cows: Shade, water, feed	Non-Ambulatory cattle are provided shade, maintained hydration and have feed within reach	
23	Critical Care	Down Cows: Isolated	Non-Ambulatory cattle are isolated from other ambulatory cattle	
24	Critical Care	Calm Handling	Cattle were handled quietly and calmly	
25	Critical Care	ID of animals in need	There were no cattle with severe conditions found in the main lactating pens or without evidence of treatment	
26	Critical Care	Injured tails<20%	Fewer than 25% of scored cattle were noted to have a injured tail.	
27	Critical Care	Humane Dehorning	Humane Dehorning <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> Age < 8 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Method Hot iron or paste (circle which) <input type="checkbox"/> Local Anesthetic <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-Inflammatory	
28	Critical Care	Humane Castration	Humane Castration <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> Age < 8 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Method Hot iron or paste (circle which) <input type="checkbox"/> Local Anesthetic <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-Inflammatory	
29	Critical Care	Humane surgical and other painful procedures	Any painful procedure is done with pain mitigation	
30	Critical Care	NO Tail Docking	YES: No evidence of tail docking being practiced (on farm or at calf and heifer raisers), nor purchasing of cattle with docked tails	
31	Critical Care	Calf Transport OK	Calves must be dry, fed colostrum and able to stand squarely on all four feet prior to transport beyond the bounds of the dairy facility they were born at.	
32	Critical Care	NO Branding	Branding is NOT being practiced (unless required by regulatory)	
33	Critical Care	NO Amputations	Extra Teat,claw or, dew claw removal NOT practiced	

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34	Office & Records	Training	All caregivers (including family) are trained for duties they are responsible for PRIOR to being released to working independently (appropriate language), and provided refresher training annually please describe training in notes section	
35	Office & Records	Training Confirmation	Caregiver interviews confirms that training is provided.	
36	Office & Records	Cattle Care Agreement	All caregivers (including owners and managers) and service providers (including the herd veterinarian, nutritionist and hoof trimmers), who may come into contact with cattle on the farm must each review and sign	
37	Office & Records	Stockmanship - Critical Topic Training	Specific training is provided annually specific to: <input type="checkbox"/> Stockmanship <input type="checkbox"/> Euthanasia <input type="checkbox"/> Down Cow Care <input type="checkbox"/> Calf Handling	
38	Office & Records	Internal Welfare Assessments	Internal welfare assessments are done at least once per year (a minimum of 1 animal outcome measure is assessed and results documented)	
39	Office & Records	Veterinary Oversight	VCPR form is signed by Veterinarian of Record (VOR) and current (w/in 12 months) VCPR signed date :	
40	Office & Records	Drug List Accurate	Choose 3 drugs found on farm to check against the drug list. Mark yes if only drugs approved for use in food animals (or with veterinarian RX) and that are noted on the approved drug list are found on farm and no expired drugs found on farm	
41	Office & Records	VOR Rx Label	All Rx animal drugs are labeled with VOR info	
42	Office & Records	Animal ID w/in 24 hr.	Are all animals individually ID'd within 24 hours of birth (male and female) (based on simple visual check auditors will not confirm inner ear tattoos) (Metal or plastic ear tags acceptable, individual or herd brand not acceptable)	
43	Office & Records	Health Records	See Documentation & SOP Requirement Checklist	
44	Office & Records	Records accurate	Confirm - treatment records kept for animals of all ages - record ear tag of up to 10 cows and 10 calves being treated and check records	
45	Office & Records	Euthanasia SOP	See Documentation & SOP Requirement Checklist	
46	Office & Records	Disbudding SOP	See Documentation & SOP Requirement Checklist	
47	Office & Records	Castration /Painful Procedures SOP	See Documentation & SOP Requirement Checklist	
48	Office & Records	Fitness for Transport SOP	See Documentation & SOP Requirement Checklist	
49	Office & Records	Maternity Management/New-born Calf Care SOP	See Documentation & SOP Requirement Checklist	

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50	Office & Records	Non-Ambulatory Cattle SOP	See Documentation & SOP Requirement Checklist	
51	Office & Records	Biosecurity	See Documentation & SOP Requirement Checklist	
52	Office & Records	SOP Translation	SOPs must be available in a language understood by the caregiver	
53	Office & Records	SOP- Confirmation of Familiarity	One SOP will be chosen at random and one of the caregivers responsible for that SOP will be interviewed. Confirm that caregivers have been instructed on specific SOPs and are implementing the SOPs correctly.	

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54	CALVES	Feeding avoids hunger	Calves are fed $\geq$ twice a day or have access to milk throughout the day in the case of automatic or acidified milk mob feeders.	
55	CALVES	Nipple fed	Calves are fed with a nipple, teat or from a cow for the majority of the milk-fed period	
56	CALVES	Forage by day 1	Calves are offered feed/forage (bedding not considered as forage) by 1 day of age	
57	CALVES	Starter by 3 days	Calves are offered grain/concentrate from day 3	
58	CALVES	Social Housing	Mark yes if calves housed in pairs or groups by 8 days of age	
59	CALVES	METAL-E	<input type="checkbox"/> Movement <input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal <input type="checkbox"/> Access H2O <input type="checkbox"/> Lying Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate Care <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Stockmanship <input type="checkbox"/> Prohibited Practices	
60	CALVES	Hygiene 2 (%)	% Calves SCORE 2 Hygiene (record #2/total scored here: )	
61	CALVES	Hygiene 3 (%)	% Calves Score 3 Hygiene (record #3/total scored here: )	
62	CALVES	Water Cleanliness	Water in the pen scored for Hygiene is clean (check 3 buckets with score card if individual housing)	
63	CALVES	Air Quality	Barns provide proper ventilation such that odors, dust and/or noxious gas (ammonia) are not evident.	
64	CALVES	Lighting	Barns provide lighting that allows for inspection of calves and safe working	
65	CALVES	BCS 2 (%)	% Calves Score 2 BCS (Goal=0%) (record #2/total scored here: )	
66	CALVES	BCS 3 (%)	% Calves Score 3 BCS (Goal 0%) (record #3/total scored here: )	
67	CALVES	Calf Stockmanship	All calves with BCS = 3 are receiving treatment	
68	CALVES	QOL	Dedicated sick pen for sick or injured calves (NA if individual housing)	
69	CALVES	QOL	Sick calves are receiving treatment (check up to 10)	

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70	Weaned Heifer Group	Hygiene 2 (%)	% Heifers Score 2 Hygiene (record #2/total scored here: )	
71	Weaned Heifer Group	Hygiene 3 (%)	% Heifers Score 3 Hygiene (record #3/total scored here: )	
72	Weaned Heifer Group	Water Cleanliness	Water in the pen scored for Hygiene is clean	
73	Weaned Heifer Group	Air Quality	Barns provide proper ventilation such that odors, dust and/or noxious gas (ammonia) are not evident.	
74	Weaned Heifer Group	Lighting	Barns provide lighting that allows for inspection of cattle and safe working	
75	Weaned Heifer Group	BCS 2 (%)	% Heifers Score 2 BCS (record #2/total scored here: )	
76	Weaned Heifer Group	BCS 3 (%)	% Heifers Score 3 BCS Goal 0% (record #3/total scored here: )	
77	Weaned Heifer Group	Weaned Heifer Stockm	All heifers with BCS = 3 are receiving treatment	
78	Weaned Heifer Group	QOL	Dedicated sick pen for sick or injured weaned heifers	
79	Weaned Heifer Group	QOL	Sick weaned heifers are receiving treatment (check up to 10)	
80	Weaned Heifer Group	METAL-E	<input type="checkbox"/> Movement <input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal <input type="checkbox"/> Access H2O <input type="checkbox"/> Lying Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate Care <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Stockmanship <input type="checkbox"/> Prohibited Practices	
81	Weaned Heifer Group	Tiestall Release	Weaned heifers are released from tiestalls daily	
82	Weaned Heifer Group	Low Stress Transitions	The farm has implemented practices to minimize the stress associated with transitioning to new environments or groups	

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83	Springers	Hygiene 2 (%)	% Heifers Score 2 Hygiene (record #2/total scored here: )	
84	Springers	Hygiene 3 (%)	% Heifers Score 3 Hygiene (record #3/total scored here: )	
85	Springers	Water Cleanliness	Water in the pen scored for Hygiene is clean	
86	Springers	Air Quality	Barns provide proper ventilation such that odors, dust and/or noxious gas (ammonia) are not evident.	
87	Springers	Lighting	Barns provide lighting that allows for inspection of cattle and safe working	
88	Springers	BCS 2 (%)	% Heifers Score 2 BCS (record #2/total scored here: )	
89	Springers	BCS 3 (%)	% Heifers Score 3 BCS (Goal 0%) (record #3/total scored here: )	
90	Springers	QOL	Dedicated sick pen for sick or injured weaned heifers	
91	Springers	QOL	Sick weaned heifers are receiving treatment (check up to 10)	
92	Springers	METAL-E	<input type="checkbox"/> Movement <input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal <input type="checkbox"/> Access H2O <input type="checkbox"/> Lying Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate Care <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Stockmanship <input type="checkbox"/> Prohibited Practices	
93	Springers	Tiestall Release	Weaned heifers are released from tiestalls daily	
94	Springers	Low Stress Transitions	The farm has implemented practices to minimize the stress associated with transitioning to new environments or groups	

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95	Lactating Cows	Stocking density OK	Stocking density in stalls is less than or equal to 1 stall per cow	
96	Lactating Cows	Tiestall Release	If Ties stalls are used - cows are let out daily weather permitting	
97	Lactating Cows	Trainer Position OK	If trainers are used on tie stalls they are positioned correctly	
98	Lactating Cows	Time Budget	Total time per day for milking is <4hours.	
99	Lactating Cows	Exercise	Cattle are provided an area off concrete (dry lot, pasture, bedded pack) where they can move about freely (weather permitting).	
100	Lactating Cows	Flooring	Flooring throughout facility is maintained to prevent slips and falls	
101	Lactating Cows	Slips and Falls	Note the number of slips or falls that were noted curing the audit	
102	Lactating Cows	Hygiene 2 (%)	% Lactating Cow Score 2 Hygiene (record #2/total scored here: )	
103	Lactating Cows	Hygiene 3 (%)	% Lactating Cow Score 3 Hygiene (record #3/total scored here: )	
104	Lactating Cows	Water Cleanliness	Water in the pen scored for Hygiene is clean	
105	Lactating Cows	Air Quality	Barns provide proper ventilation such that odors, dust and/or noxious gas (ammonia) are not evident.	
106	Lactating Cows	Lighting	Barns provide lighting that allows for inspection of cattle and safe working	
107	Lactating Cows	BCS =2 (actual %)	% LC Score 2 BCS (record #3/total scored here: )	
108	Lactating Cows	BCS =3 (actual %)	% LC Score 3 BCS (Goal 0%) (record #3/total scored here: )	
109	Lactating Cows	Broken Tails (%)	% LC Tail Score 3 (Goal <5%) (record #3/total scored here: )	
110	Lactating Cows	Hocks = 2 (%)	% LC Score 2 Hocks (record #2/total scored here: )	
111	Lactating Cows	Hocks = 3 (%)	%LC Score 3 Hocks Goal 0% (record #3/total scored here: )	
112	Lactating Cows	Knees = 3 (%)	%LC Score 3 Knees Goal 0% (record #3/total scored here: )	
113	Lactating Cows	Locomotion =2 (%)	% LC Score 2 (Goal ≤10%) LOCO (record #2/total scored here: )	
114	Lactating Cows	Locomotion = 3 (%)	% LC Score 3 (Goal 0%) LOCO (record #3/total scored here: )	
115	Lactating Cows	METAL-E	<input type="checkbox"/> Movement <input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal <input type="checkbox"/> Access H2O <input type="checkbox"/> Lying Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate Care <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Stockmanship <input type="checkbox"/> Prohibited Practices	



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116	Sick/Hospital Pen	<b>Lying Space</b>	The area provides at least 100 sq. ft bedded area per cow (9.3m2/cow), unless animals are individually housed (tiestalls, box pens).	
117	Sick/Hospital Pen	<b>Bunck Space</b>	Feeding area provides at least 30" (75 cm) of accessible bunk space per cow, or 1 stanchion (head lock) per cow	
118	Sick/Hospital Pen	QOL	Sick cattle are receiving treatment (check up to 10)	
119	Sick/Hospital Pen	METAL-E	<input type="checkbox"/> Movement <input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal <input type="checkbox"/> Access H2O <input type="checkbox"/> Lying Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate Care <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Stockmanship <input type="checkbox"/> Prohibited Practices	
120	Sick/Hospital Pen	Treatment	Cattle being treated are clearly identified - write down up to 10 cows receiving Tx and check TX records	
121	Dry Cows	METAL-E	<input type="checkbox"/> Movement <input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal <input type="checkbox"/> Access H2O <input type="checkbox"/> Lying Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate Care <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Stockmanship <input type="checkbox"/> Prohibited Practices	
122	Farming	Deadstock Management OK	Deadstock are disposed of and managed according to local regulations or removed from property by service	
123	Culture	Bathrooms	Employees are provided a bathroom that is kept clean and well stocked.	
124		Breakrooms	Employees are provided a clean breakroom with a place to store personal meals away from farm supplies.	
125		Barncats	Cats on the property are <input type="checkbox"/> In Good Condition <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly <input type="checkbox"/> Not Friendly but not ferral	
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